people have gone to Jammu, it does not mean that they are running away out of fear. Somebody said that they are cowards and they are running off to Jammu. This is the time when the Durbar sits in Jammu, not in Srinagar.

So I agree that all the leading political workers of different parties, including those who were candidates in the elections, must continue to be provided with adequate security. There is no doubt about it. I will do my best to see that these measures are carried out and I will come back to the House with a statement after getting adequate information.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again at 2.15 p.m.

13.16 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Luch till fifteen munutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

14.20 hrs.

The Lok Sabha reassembled after lunch at Twenty Minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

(MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *IN THE CHAIR*)

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(i) Need to expedite opening of a Central School at Mandsaur in Madhya Pradesh

[Translation]

DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY (Mandsaur) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, in view of the persistent demand of the Central Government employees and with a view to provide educational facilities to their children, the Human Resources Development Ministry was requested to open a Kendriya Vidyalaya in the Mandsaur city in Madhya Pradesh. Holding the demand to be genuine, an ad hoc permission was given for opening a Kendriya Vidyalaya. But even in the current academic session, the Kendriya Vidyalaya was not opened causing immense problems to the employees.

Generally, the Central Government employees are transferred from one State to another. Kendriya Vidyalaya are suitable for the uninterrupted study of their children, because of uniform syllabus. It was due to this reason sanction was given for opening of a Kendriya Vidyalaya in Mandsaur. The State Government has proposed to provide suitable land for this purpose. Therefore, it is my request to the Human Resource Minister to issue necessary directives for opening of Kendriya Vidyalaya.

(ii) Need for Immediate Release of Funds to Rajasthan to Compensate for the heavy loss it suffered as a result of floods during last monsoon

SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA (Jaipur) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, in Rajasthan, during the previous monsoon, Bharatpur, Alwar and adjoining areas were ravaged by floods. The Central Government had sent a team to assess the damage. It has submitted its report. Similarly the sandy plains of Hanumangarh etc. were also effected by floods. The Central team had recommended providing assistance to the Rajasthan Government for this region also. But the sanctioned amount is yet to reach the State . The Prime Minister had surveyed the affected areas. But, even now the Central Government has not provided any amount to compensate the farmers, for their loss of houses and damage caused to their farms and crops, in both the floods. The only amount provided for this purpose was only that amount which is given each year to meet the severe drought situation.

The Central Government is requested to immediately provide funds to the Rajasthan Government to compensate for the loss suffered due to floods.

[English]

(iii) Need for early completion of irrigation projects in Western Orissa

DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI (Sambalpur) : There has been an inordinate delay in tapping the irrigation potential available in Western Orissa. The delay in the construction of Upper Indravati Multipurpose Project has caused a lot of unrest in the minds of the people of Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput districts better know as KBK districts. The World Bank aided Indravati Project started some decades ago. This was specifically meant to provide adequate irrigation facility in the perennially drought-affected undivided Kalahandi District. Kalahandi would have been removed from the list of drought-prone districts, had the Indravati project been completed timely. Since the situation has gone from bad to worse and as the farmers in Kalahandi, Bolangir and Padampur sub-division of Bargarh District mainly depend on rain water for cultivation, the irrigation projects are required to be completed expeditiously.

The present drought of severe nature in these districts is caused due to inordinate delay in completing the irrigation projects proposed to be executed in these districts in Western Orissa. Unless these ongoing irrigation projects are completed, it will not be possible to improve the situation of farmers in those districts.

In view of the prevailing famine situation in Western Orissa, I demand that apart from completing all the minor irrigation projects in Western Orissa, Upper Suktel Projects should be completed as early as possible. At the same time, the Ong irrigation Project in Padmapur sub-division of Bargarh District should be finalised and posed for World Bank assistance so that the project is taken up at the earliest.

(iv) Need to esnure proper maintenance and repairs of national highways in Bihar.

[Translation]

SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV (Patna) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, the condition of National Highways is poor

in Bihar. Considering the problems faced by the people, there is an urgent need for its repairs. The National Highways passing through Bihar, connect the nation from one end to another. The condition of this Highway is somewhat better in other States. But the condition of this Highway deplorable in Bihar. The Bihar Government has no funds for its repairs. Because the funds have not yet been received from the Centre.

Hence, my demand to the Central Government is to make arrangements for the repairs of the National Highway Passing through Bihar.

(v) Need for an Inquiry into the reasons for non-implementation of Central Projects in Tamil Nadu

[English]

SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN (Dindigul) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Central Government had sanctioned funds for various development projects for Tamil Nadu during the period 1991-96. But, unfortunately, no project could be completed as per norms and as a result the development of the State has been greatly affected.

I request the Centre to look into the reason urgently for non-completion of development projects such as Jawahar Yojana Kar and schemes for the benefits of those who are below poverty line and funds allotted for the benefit of the scheduled caste population sanctioned by the Union Government.

I appeal for an early action in this regard from the Government.

(vi) Need to lay super Railway Lines in the Coastal Regions of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu

SHRI D. VENUGOPAL (Tiruppattur) : *Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir rail transport is an important communication link in the country. The Railways play a vital role in connecting the Northern and upper regions of the country with the Sourthern region. Every year in Andhra Pradesh whenever there are heavy rains or floods or cyclone, the South bound trains from the North are the worst hit. This problem has become an annual feature. Long distance travellers who go from the Northern tip to the Southern tip of the country are put to severe hardships. Due to the cancellation or diversion of several trains during the period, heavy losses to the tune of several crores accrue. This is a loss not only to the public but also to the Railways. Hence, it is imperative to go in for Super Railway Lines on the same pattern as Super Highways. This will be a very good prospective plan. If not from Kashmir to Kanya Kumari, such a Super Railway Line may be laid at least in the coastal regions of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu as a pioneering pilot project.

* Translation of the Speech originally delivered in Tamil.

(vii) Need to hold elaborate discussions before reviewing the foreign exchange regulation act

SHRI SANAT MEHTA (Surendra Nagar) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Government is going to undertake a comprehensive review of the FERA keeping in view the changes in the economic scenario. The Government has admitted itself the fact that FERA provisons are not in consonance with the existing economic scenario. These were the remarks of the Secretary (Revenue) of the Government of India.

The clarifications regarding what provisions of FERA would attract review and what consequent steps are to be taken to reflect such review in FERA suiting to the changed economic scenario should be made by the Government and let the House know the plan of action to be worked out so that the whole gamut of the matter is studied in depth. Since it is going to take alternation in FERA regulations and would play a vital role in Foreign Exchange regime, it is imperative to undertake a comprehensive analysis of the circumstances which had led to the framing of FERA regulations at that time and the circumstances prevailing now in the context of changed economic reforms.

Therefore, I request the Union Government that nothing should be done in a hurry and widespread and elaborate discussions with all concerned should be held.

14.30 hrs.

STATUTORY RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION ISSUED BY PRESIDENT IN RELATION TO THE STATE OF UTTAR PRADESH

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now we shall take up further discussion on the Statutory Resolution regarding the Proclamation issued by the President in relation to the State of Uttar Pradesh. Shri Pramothes Mukherjee is to continue his speech.

SHRI PRAMOTHES MUKHERJEE (Berhampore) (WB) : Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, for the opportunity given to me to continue my speech today.

The first thing that should be uttered here is that U.P. cannot be finished but the discussion on U.P. may be finished today.

I have already referred to the version of the Sark ria Commission with regard to the failure of the constitutional machinery for the imposition of the President's rule in a State. I have already referred to these things yesterday. The political crisis or the deadlock of the situation in a State should be regarded, according to the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission, as the prime factor for the consideration of imposition of the President's rule in the State. In this case a situation has emerged for the Governor recommending the imposition of President's rule in the State and that is the demonstrated inability to form a Government, not